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The new Claims are grouped as 18-24, 25-32, 33-37, where Claims 18, 25, and 33 are independent Claims.

18. (New) A computer virus avoidance system including a mock computer virus, and an e-mail system with e-mail users, wherein the computer virus avoidance system sends an e-mail with the mock computer virus to an e-mail user and creates a first list of e-mail user identifiers of e-mail users who activate the mock computer virus.

19. (New) The computer virus avoidance system of claim 18, wherein the mock computer virus displays an anti-computer virus message to the e-mail user who activates the mock computer virus.

20. (New) The computer virus avoidance system of claim 18, wherein the computer virus avoidance system sends an anti-computer virus message e-mail to the e-mail user who activates the mock computer virus.

21. (New) The computer virus avoidance system of claim 18, wherein the computer virus avoidance system creates a second list of e-mail user identifiers of e-mail users who delete the e-mail message with the mock virus and the second list of e-mail user identifiers is used to reward e-mail users whose behavior may avoid activation of a computer virus

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